(f) what is the quantum of foreign exchange made available for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) There have been complaints that there is a shortage in the market for truck and bus tyres of certain specifications. According to the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association, these temporary shortages were due to the closure of MRF factory at Goa from October 1986 to April 1987 and the shortfalls in production in some other tyre factories on account of labour problems.

(c) Government is carefully watching the situation and may consider import of tyres if the need arises.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Cement production

47. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement production in the country is adequate to meet the entire domestic requirement; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to export cement in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some Cement Companies are exploring the possibilities of exporting cement to neighbouring countries.

White Papers on Public Sector Enterprises

48. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft white paper on Public Sector enterprises in order to improve their performance has been prepared;

(b) if so, what measures have been suggested therein and whether Government propose to revamp the losing Public Sector units; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to revamp the losing public sector units and by when this work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The White Paper on Public Sector has not yet been prepared.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Strike in Public Sector enterprises

49. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that workers in some public sector enterprises have been on strike for the last several months;

(b) if so, what are the names of such public sector enterprises;

(c) what are the causes leading to the strikes in these public sector enterprises; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to streamline the functioning of the Public Sector Enterprises in order to stop the recurrence of strikes there?